THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to c) The following 3 major projects have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) but are awaiting investment approval: —

| Project | Date of receipt in CEA | Date of clerance of CEA | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Sharavathy Tail Race . | Feb., 1982 | Oct., 1983 | Environmental clearance his yet to be received. |
| 2 Gts Turbines at Bangalore | Feb., 1985 | July, 1985 | Availability of petroleum fuel is yet to be ti d. |
| 3 Diesel sets . . . | July, 1985 | Sept., 1983 | |

(d) It is not possible to indicate a specific date for the approval of these projects as the requisite celarance and availability of essential inputs have yet to be tied up.

**Talks regarding power and coal mining between India and Soviet Union**

1265. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the results of the talks recently held between India and So viet Union in the field of power; and coal mining; and

(b) what type of help is proposed to be extended by both the countries for power and coal mining projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF-POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and *(b)* During the meeting of the Working Group on Coal and the discussions held during the visit of the Chairman. USSR State Committee on Foreign Economic Relations, the progress of the various projects under implementation with Soviet assistance was reviewed. In addition, the possibilities of further Indo-Soviet Cooperation were also discussed by identifying projects with their assistance.

The assistance being received from Soviet Union is technical, financial, and covers the supply of equipment.

**Clearanfce of Nower projects**

1266. SHRI D. R. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HAVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have decided not to clear any thermal or hydel power projects unless the concerned State Govern-mnets complete the process of land acquisition and provide infrastructur-al facilities for the purpose;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to help the State Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c) To facilitate techno-economic appraisal of power projects by the Central Electricity Authority, it is necessary that proposals sponsored by the State agencies should be complete in all respects and necessary inputs such as